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Prof. Wilson may be an able man, but he could not be considered of the charge on his tariff speech in the House. His attempt to dispose of the thousands of petitions that have been filed in Washington by the workmen of the country, in opposition to his tariff smashing programme or the ground that the petitions were signed under compulsion, not only illustrates the poverty of his ideas but is an insult to the wage-earners.

Our Democratic friends are just now playing it hard luck. With Cleveland and his infatuated political and Wilson and his bill, for the destruction of Americans industries on their hands, the party can only congratulate itself on the fact that Presidential election does not come for two years. To-day Cleveland could not carry a State outside the Solid South, and even those States would go against him on a fair election.

It is interesting to note in connection with the Comstock's recent proposal of an income tax as a just and fair way to raise the revenue necessary for the government, that in November last it was proposed by a majority in Congress or whether it would be approved by the people, that no money should be collected with any approach to fairness or equity.

Our contemporary manifesto, making equity in getting on different sides of the question, but possibly this is another instance where it will contend that its views have not changed, just as it did in connection with its tariff bill.

Now that Minister WILLS has made a formal demand upon President Dole to veto in favor of the proposed Quaker, thus manifesting the shameful double-dealing of the Administration at Washington, it is to be hoped that the Providence Government will give WILLS his passport and pack him off the mainland and baggage. Both Cleveland and his renegade Secretary of State ought to be impeached for the disgraceful violation of their constitutional prerogatives.

Even the Democrats who have up to this time been inclined to treat the matter lightly are now disgusted with the inhuman stupidity of the President. It would have been better for Cleveland had he retired from his previous administration. Thereafter the cuckoo editors will not be able to conceal the fact from the public that Cleveland is a very light weight intellectually. Like Huxley Duxley he cannot be restored to his former "greatness." It is forever gone.

When the Whigs and Maine Committee was appointed the "Comocrat" and the Republicans, citizens of its membership with the remark that the members of the committee were patriotic gentlemen who had the welfare of the country at heart quite as much as their critics. It might be interesting to know just what the Comocrat thinks of their alleged patriotic now. In his opening speech in support of the new tariff bill, Prof. Wilson took up the lumber question and advocated the removal of the duty on the ground that we are now debasing our forests, and declared that the duty is not necessary as it is not concerned that the cost of lumbering in this country is any higher than it is in "any other country." As this statement is made after Mr. Bass has traveled all the way to Washington to show the injustice of the free lumber schedule on account of the greater cost of lumbering, it seems that Prof. Wilson either discounts his figures, or is more interested in the success of his tariff smashing scheme than in the welfare of the country.

The Tariff Debate.

For some time past the cuckoo editors have announced that Prof. Wilson was to make the effort of his life in his opening speech in the Wilson tariff debate. He certainly has had ample time for the preparation of a speech, but now that he has "fixed it" no shrewd man can contend that it will add to his reputation as a statesman, or tend to strengthen his hold before the country. He devoted considerable portion of his time to a review of the free trade denunciation of the protective system, statements long-since disproved and rendered especially ridiculous in view of the fact that Democrats from Maine to California are to-day chafing for the retention of protective duties as necessary to the life of the various industries in which they and the people they represent are interested.

He attacked the Republicans for removing the duty on sugar, but failed to say a word in explanation of the failure of the Democrats to re-enact the duty. If Prof. Wilson has worked to the disadvantage of the country, of course there is no reason why the Democrats should hesitate about placing it on the doubtful list again. But it has not and the Democrats understand that the party representing the sugar interests, Prof. Wilson and his Democratic colleagues are bound to suffer as the sugar barons have been bound in the present bill. The people like the bill, itself, shows that Prof. Wilson entered upon a task beyond his capacity when he assumed control of a revision of the tariff.

Mr. Burrow, who opened the debate for the Republicans, delivered a speech of much force and brevity with irresistible logic. He brushed aside the glittering generalities that formed to companion a feature of the Wilson speech and dealt with facts so firmly established that no Democratic member will attempt to answer them. Among other things he said:

I confidently assert that if the election of 1892 had resulted in the return of the Republican party to power, accompanied as it would have been with the assurances of the continuance of the American policy of protection, the effect upon the public revenue, as well as the general prosperity of the country, would have been entirely reversed.

In other words, he said, if the act of 1890 had been to secure the beneficial results in authors' degraded, and every prophecy of ill in which its enemies indulged, utterly failed of realization.

He said it would develop new industries—it created them by the handfull.

He said it would bring no resultant benefit to our workmen, and that the enlarged employment and increased wages.

He said it would enhance the cost of the protected article, as compared to the cost of the unprotected article.

He said it would distract our foreign trade, as represented in 1890 to \$100,000,000, as income over the previous year of \$120,000,000.

He said it would shut out our products from foreign markets, our export

trade increased \$14,000,000, swelling its value to the largest amount ever shown in the history of our imports, and exceeding the value of our imports by \$2,372,386.

You said it would paralyze our domestic industry. It was never more vigorous than in the years immediately following its enactment.

It makes no difference how much the cuckoo editor may puzzle with the facts, these are propositions that are understood by the people. In the past year the voters of the country have had a serious object lesson and as a result protest and file to-day from all sections against the enactment of this disastrous legislation. The "change" was proposed in the administration of the government. That change was inaugurated last March and the prosperity of a year ago has given way to a year of the greatest business depression half a century. Cause and effect are so plainly stamped upon this distressing condition that it is impossible to decide the people. Indeed a Democratic Congressman from New York State declared in the debate in the House Tuesday that if this bill is passed he would be the last Democratic representative elected in his district. The people are aroused, never before on this subject and will promptly punish the party responsible for legislation, the effect of which will be to increase the business demoralization of the country.

Thanks.

[Presses late Saturday.]

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